



PARISH MATTERS

The Parish of Sydney City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.

11th & 12th November 2023 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

Please keep in your prayers the recruitment of a new principal for Our Lady of Mt Carmel. I have suggested to Sydney Catholic Schools that they strongly consider working towards having one principal across our two primary schools. This will reinforce a sense of consistency and unity in our parish. This has been done in other parishes and could be done here too. My hope and vision is that while the two schools maintain their sense of individual identity they will also come to celebrate a common parish identity where they can collaborate in faith and learning opportunities.

As many of you know I am a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The Order is a Pontifical lay movement (with priest chaplains) that raises awareness and funds for Christians living in the Holy Land. As we have all seen on the news the Holy Land is again torn apart by war. Everyone seems to have a view on this conflict and many take sides. But the history of the Holy Land is complicated. In our prayers and support, let our focus be on the people and not on the politics. "Let the attacks and weapons cease, please, because it must be understood that terrorism and war bring no solutions, but only to the death and suffering of many innocent lives. War is a defeat, every war is a defeat. Let us pray for peace in Israel and Palestine," said recently.

Pope Francis has often spoken about a theology of creation. He encourages us to take steps that respect creation. It starts with each one of us to make concrete steps and commitments. Governments also have a responsibility to act in responsible and proportionate ways to respect creation. In this debate I will not promote any group or political agenda. We all have to form our own view. Maybe a good place to start in our discernment is reading *Laudato Si*, an encyclical by Pope Francis.

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

God bless



*Parish of Sydney City South
under the patronage of Our Lady,
St Joseph &
St Vincent de Paul*



Weekday Mass times:

Monday

7.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion,
St Joseph's Rosebery

Tuesday

5pm Mass & Adoration, Our Lady of Mt
Carmel Waterloo

Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

Friday

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Normal Sunday Mass Times:

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am (Rosary at 7am) &
9.00am. Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Principal: Mr Bernard Ryan

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Rosebery

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Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Valerie Jenkins, Manolito Aguilar, Elvira Mendes, Eusebio Humilde, Craig Dunkerley, Fr John Alt.

Anniversary: Joe Kelly (11/11), Jaroslav Laska (13/11), John Wilson (15/11), Margaret McLoughlin (16/11), Margaret Hannigan (16/11), Gael Ringuet (16/11)

Deceased: Joseph Mizzi, Ernesto Ford, Fr Terence Purcell, Raymanod & Dorothy Blackman, Joseph & Rose Lia, Pauline & Miriam McGill, Domenico Verardo, Gino Mio, Thelma, Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel & George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke, John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur & Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur & Rose Dennett, John and Rosemary Cooley, Bill, Muriel, Marc & Jamie Wickert, Shirley Turner, Sr. Patricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstraus.

All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory.

Those who are sick: Virginia Peloe, Edmund Gonzales, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsialis, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, June Elliot, Lyndall Storey, William Gonzales, Nhia Nguyen, Marina Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia Freitas, Sr Dominic Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack, Ruby, John Gavan, Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar

If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the Parish Office. For Mass Intentions please email before 10am Friday secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.

Friendly reminder: In accordance with the Sydney Archdiocese privacy policies and State and Federal laws, if you are wanting a living person's name to be published in the bulletin, we require their written permission.

Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul directly.

READING ROSTER

| Mass | | Readers |
|----------------|------|------------------|
| 5:00pm | This | Bianca Rodrigo |
| | Next | Bruce Strath |
| 7:30am | This | Charlotte Buxton |
| | Next | Michael Burns |
| 9:00am | This | Lisa Steel |
| | Next | Abbey K |
| 11:00am | This | TBA |
| | Next | Ben May |

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Sunday 19 November—Parish Retreat Day,** The Way of the Heart.
- ◆ **CHANGE OF DATE:** Please note the final Playgroup for 2023 will be on **Tuesday 28 November, not 23 November.**
- ◆ **Saturday, 2 December 6pm – Parish Christmas Party,** Eileen O'Connor Community Centre, OLMC Waterloo

Financial Update

Week Ending 5 November

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| First Collection | Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund | \$ 783 |
| Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go) | Supports the Parish | \$ 979 |



Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially.

Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation OR be set up for a monthly donation using your credit card.

Baptisms

We congratulate **Rourke and Zia** on their baptisms at Waterloo and Rosebery this weekend.
God bless both them and their families.



SYDNEY STREET FEAST
"A Response to Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor"

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER | 12-2PM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT

JUSTICE PEACE OFFICE | PAYCE FOUNDATION | paynter dixon | St. Merkorious Charity | CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYERS?

Our WhatsApp prayer group would like to pray for you.

Text your intentions to 0491 939 577.



November Mass Offerings

During the month of November, the Church prays particularly for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones remembered during November, please complete the special November Mass Offering envelope (suggested donation \$20) (write names on envelope and include donation) Names will be placed in the Book of Remembrance and remembered at each Mass during November.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

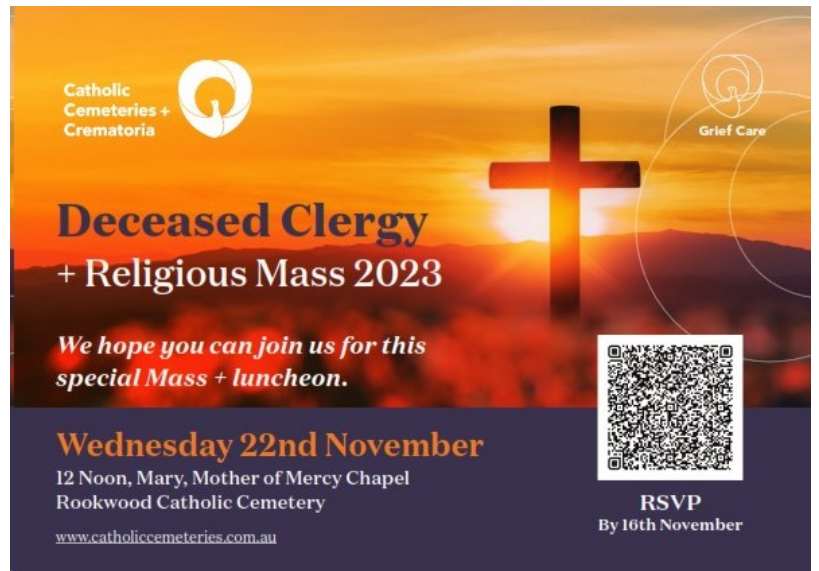
Gospel Reflection

In the parable of the ten virgins from Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus stresses the importance of being prepared and vigilant. The key takeaway is readiness: five of the virgins are wise and bring extra oil, while the other five are unprepared and get left out. While it might seem unkind that the prepared virgins don't share their oil, the focus is not on that detail. The story serves as a metaphor for being spiritually prepared.

This parable for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourages us to always be ready for unexpected events in life and, by extension, for our own spiritual journey. We can't rely on others to be prepared for us. Each of us is responsible for our own readiness—whether that's in our faith, our relationships, or our personal endeavours. Just as the wise virgins brought extra oil to ensure they wouldn't miss the bridegroom, we too should take steps to be fully prepared in our own lives.

In a practical sense, this could mean regular prayer, ethical actions, and ongoing self-improvement. These "reserves of oil" enable us to face whatever comes our way with a readiness that aligns with our spiritual and ethical foundations. Being prepared allows us to participate fully when opportunities—expected or not—come into our lives.

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Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria

Deceased Clergy + Religious Mass 2023

We hope you can join us for this special Mass + luncheon.

Wednesday 22nd November

12 Noon, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

www.catholiccemeteries.com.au

Grief Care

RSVP
By 16th November

Playgroup—Change of Date!

Please note the final Play Group for 2023 will be on **Tuesday 28 November**, not 23 November as previously advertised.



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St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSEBERY



**SYDNEY
CITY SOUTH
PARISH**



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



The Way of the Heart Parish Retreat –

Last chance to register!

This is the last weekend to register for our Parish Retreat, The Way of the Heart.

How to book

Book online via TryBooking www.trybooking.com/CLFEX (see the QR code opposite).

Fill in a form (at the back of the church) and put it on the collection plate during Mass. Do not leave it at the back of the church.

Cost

Adult: \$20 • Pensioner/student: \$10 • Children (under 18 years): free

We would love financial means to never be a barrier to someone attending our retreats. Contact us for sponsorship options.

Meals

The day includes morning tea and lunch

Children

There is no children's program, but children are welcome. Please note, any child (under 18 years old) attending the retreat must register with an adult, and be accompanied and supervised by that adult throughout the day.

About the program

God longs to be in deep friendship with us and to help us. The Way of the Heart draws our heart to be nearer to the Heart of Jesus, to be his friends, and to perceive His joys and sufferings for the world. Friendship with Jesus is transformative, leading us to recognize the challenges of the world with the eyes of Jesus, and to commit ourselves with Him to prayer and service in response to those challenges.

About the retreat facilitators

The retreat will be led by Anne and John Gray. They are the Australian Coordinators of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. They have been doing this ministry since 2020 after time spent being formed in "The Way of the Heart" at the Jesuit headquarters in Rome. Their love of Ignatian spirituality started 35 years ago when they first met on an Ignatian retreat for youth. Their ministry is voluntary as John is a lawyer and Anne a teacher/family educator. They have three grown up children and one dog and they love bringing the Way of the Heart to others who are open to its transformative way of living relying on the power of prayer in our lives.

Enquiries

Elizabeth on mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 0491 939 577



Parish Retreat Day

St Joseph's Church, Rosebery
Sunday, 19 November 2023
10am - 3.30pm

The Way of the Heart Retreat Day is for those who want

to deepen their friendship with Jesus, renew this friendship, or meet the real Jesus for the first time.

The Way of the Heart draws our hearts to be nearer to the Heart of Jesus, to be His friends, and to perceive His joys and sufferings for the world.

Come and experience the compassion and hope of The Way of the Heart.



The retreat will be led by
John & Anne Gray
Australian Representatives
Pope's Worldwide Prayer
Network

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLFEX>



Adult \$20
Tertiary Student/Pensioner \$10
Child under 18 years old Free
Includes morning tea
and lunch

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Project Good Samaritan Christmas Collection

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of Project Good Samaritan, Christmas Collection, where we help those who may not be able to provide presents for their family this Christmas. As outlined in last week's newsletter, we are collecting the following items:

- Santa Sacks
- Toys
- Christmas paper plates and napkins

Along with the items above, Vinnies has asked us to consider donating a present for a teenager. The team at Vinnies find that many donate presents for children, but with the increasing number of families reaching out for help, there are many teenagers who may miss out on a Christmas present this year. As such, we are seeking your help in donating items that would be able to be gifted to a teenager, for example;

- A movie ticket
- A gift card
- A small pamper pack
- Some make-up
- Sporting item

For those who would like to continue to provide food items, please place these in the hamper at the back of your Church, and the items will be collected regularly and delivered to Vinnies.



Parish Christmas Party – save the date!

Please keep 6pm Saturday, 2 December 2023 free for our Parish Christmas Party at the Eileen O'Conner Community Centre, Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo.

Parish Pastoral Council Report

The PPC met on Thursday 26 October at Waterloo.

The PPC received a report and gave feedback to me on the following:

- Renovation plans for Waterloo parish centre

Discussion on plans for the renovation of parish centre at Waterloo (formerly school admin). Hall capacity for 100, small office/breakout area, kitchen and upstairs meeting space.

- Waterloo church phase 3 works

This includes the sanctuary works approved by the Liturgical Commission and Sydney City Council. The works address the clutter and enable it to comply with the Liturgical Documents. The start date is January 8 2024. The church will be closed for six weeks. All Masses will be transferred to Rosebery during this time. Archbishop Anthony has been invited to consecrate new altar and church after completion.

- Schools update

Marg Holles (OLMC) was an apology but it was noted a new before and after school care provider was found for 2024. NAPLAN results were encouraging, discussions about improvements to school and site.

Bernard Ryan (St J) discussed the progress of construction. Kindergarten enrolments for next year stand at 69. Foundation Dinner held on Fri 3 November.

- Pastoral Associate for Mission

Elizabeth outlined the pastoral activities she coordinates including starting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2024, parish retreat, prayer text line and pastoral support.

- Pastoral Associate

Sr Rosemary gave a brief report on the areas she coordinates such as catechists, sacramental program, and care for the sick.

- Proposals

That tap and go figures as well as cash received in collection be published each week or once a month. It was noted that Archdiocesan policy is not to publish money received for security reasons. However, Fr Paul considers it appropriate unless directly ordered by the Archdiocese to publish monthly figures. As there is a risk in doing this Fr Paul will monitor.

The next gathering is for all parishioners at the parish Christmas Party after 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 2 December.
Fr Paul Smithers, PP

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you became flesh. Lord have mercy.
You offer us salvation. Christ have mercy.
You lead us rejoicing to the Father. Lord have mercy.

OR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Nicaean Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Holy (Sanctus) Vigil Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Vigil Mass

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

R My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

